

Informal Report to Mayor and Council



Neighborhood Matching Grants Spring 2010 Awards

City Council Meeting Date: 6-22-10

ISSUE

Update on Neighborhood Matching Grants recipients for Spring 2010.

DISCUSSION

On February 13, 2007, City Council authorized the development and implementation of a Neighborhood Matching Grants program. The program is supported by \$500,000 of gas well lease revenue retained by the City.

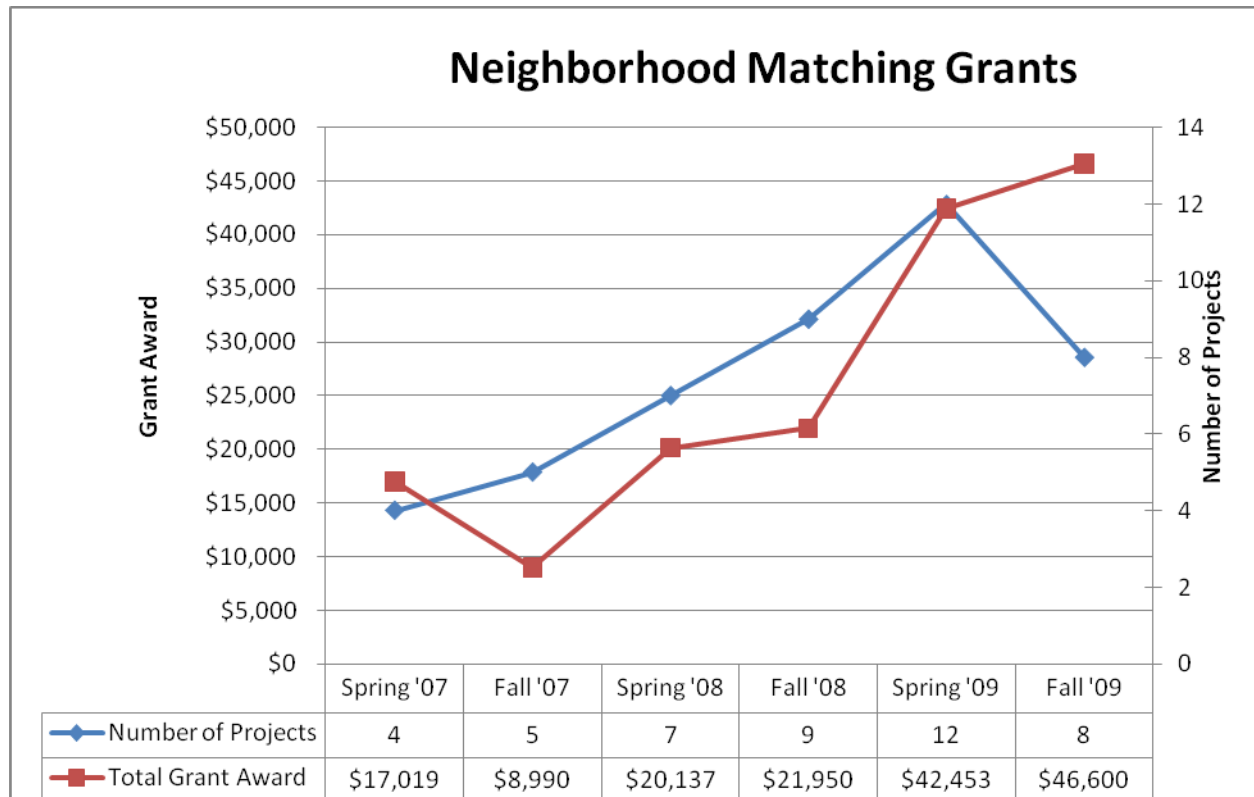
The goal of the Neighborhood Matching Grants program is to provide financial support for resident and community-based programs and activities that foster civic pride, enhance and beautify neighborhoods, and improve neighborhood vitality and participation. The program benefits the City of Arlington by making neighborhoods more attractive, raising the level of community pride, increasing civic participation by residents, and encouraging collaboration and formal organization of and among neighbors, neighborhoods, youth, non-profit organizations and city government. The program is marketed by means of the Neighborhood Network, the Community Development and Planning department webpage, visits to community group meetings, and as a part of the neighborhood planning process.

The following is a list of recommended grant recipients, proposed projects, amount of grant funding requested, and neighborhood match.

Name(s) of Organization	Project Highlights	Amount Requested	Neighborhood Match
Parkview Addition Community (PAC)	Neighborhood Cleanup	\$2,000	Volunteer labor and \$500 donation of tools
Parkview Addition Community (PAC)	Stadium Drive Fencing	\$10,000	Volunteer labor and \$15,000 ATF Grant
Randol Mill Park West Citizens on Patrol	Sidewalk Improvement	\$10,000	Volunteer labor and \$15,000 donation of professional design services
Lake Port Meadows HOA	Tree Lined Streets – Phase II	\$5,000	Volunteer labor
Emeral Park Neighborhood Organization	Entryway Enhancements	\$2,000	Volunteer labor and \$1,660 in neighborhood contributions
YMCA of Arlington	Rush Creek Youth and Teen Program	\$10,000	\$10,000 donation from Rush Creek Apartment Complex
Wimbledon Garden Club	City Park & Median	\$1,000	Volunteer labor and \$2,183 in monetary donations
TOTAL of Grant Requests		\$40,000	

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funding for neighborhood matching grants is in General Gas Lease Fund 3095 910102 61002. To date the fund balance is \$339,851.26. A total of \$160,148.74 has been expended for 45 projects since the program's inception in Spring 2007.



Total funding request for Spring 2010 funding cycle is \$40,000. The balance of funding for future funding cycles, and if all awards from this cycle are fully expended, will be \$299,851.26.

ACTION

Successful grant applicants will be notified of Council's action and scheduled for grant recipient training in July.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attached:
Under separate cover:
Available in the City Secretary's office:

Map highlighting project locations
None
Copies of grant proposals

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